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April 2023 ARC-OVER

If you missed the April TARC meeting, you missed a good one. The meeting started with a testing session resulting in one new ham and another with a double upgrade. There were conversations from many angles surrounding interest with the auction and increased use of the club's repeaters. The meeting concluded with an excellent presentation on LiFePO4 batteries and portable power by Ken, KF6IDK.

- Next TARC Meeting: May 9
- Next Testing Session: June 13

KJ6ART, Editor



A presentation being given by Ken on portable power systems.

Prez Sez

Editor's note: Since our club president is recovering from a recent surgery, I've asked our vice president Richard, W6ABJ to fill in this month.

As the weather gets warmer, and the snow melt increases. Take the time to check you equipment and emergency food and first aid supplies. Emergencies happen when they are least expected, and it is always best to be over prepared under prepared.

Field Day 2023 is fast approaching. ARRL Field Day is June 24-25 and is the 4th full weekend in June. At the April TARC meeting there was not an interest in the club hosting a Field Day Event, however there will be a few groups of people in the club that will be operating in field day. If you are interested in visiting or operating at those sites, we should have more information available at the June meeting.

Richard, W6ABJ

2023 Dues

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2023. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application \(http://w6bxn.org/wp-content/uploads/Turlock-Amateur-Radio-Club-Membership-Application.pdf\)](http://w6bxn.org/wp-content/uploads/Turlock-Amateur-Radio-Club-Membership-Application.pdf) to help keep our information up to date.

Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org \(http://w6bxn.org\)](http://w6bxn.org) and subscribe.

ARC-OVER Format

For many years the ARC-OVER has been published with formats geared towards printing, and for good reason. With the shift away from mailing out printed copies of the ARC-OVER around 2005 we've been publishing the document online and through email since then. With not many of us print the ARC-OVER anymore, we'll be shifting the format to a more web centric format, HTML. The HTML documents will be self contained with all of the images embeded in the file. It'll still be printable but it'll have much better support for reading and distribution in the electronic realm.

KJ6ART, ARC-OVER Editor

TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7 PM

Upcoming Amateur Radio Events:

- Electronics Flea Market (<https://www.electronicfleamarket.com/>). at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**. May 14, June 11, July 9, etc.

- ARRL June VHF Contest (<http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>) provides a great warm up to Field Day. June 10-12. Get outside and find a hill top!
- ARRL Field Day (<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>) is June 24-25. Now is a great time to start planning.



For Sale Items

Charlene Young is the daughter of Vernon Loard K6KRN. Vernon became a silent key, and she wants to sell his equipment. The below information was provided by Charlene. I am sure she is open to reasonable offers. She also provided a few pictures of the equipment. Please feel free to contact her at youngchuck62@gmail.com (<mailto:youngchuck62@gmail.com>).

Lucian KF6NPG

Item	Price
1) ICOM radio, model IC-7300	\$1,149 (new price)
2) Yaesu Transceiver, model FTDX3000	\$1,349 (used price)
3) Astron Amplifier, model RS35M	\$315 (new price)
4) Kenwood Power Supply, model PS430	\$255 (used price)
5) Kenwood Transceiver, model TS570	\$255 (used price)
6) TEK Power Supply, model TP50SW	\$169 (new price)
7) MFJ Versa Tuner, model MFK989	\$252 (new price)
8) Ameritron Amplifier, model AL811H	\$1,499 (new price)
9) Roof antennae, model ANT S 402 M	\$1,019 (new price)



April Meeting Minutes

Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club

Salvation Army Facility 893 Lander Ave., Turlock

April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Vice President, Richard Larson (W6ABJ).

- Secretary Report: Vice President Richard Larson (W6ABJ) entertained the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as published. A motion was made by Greg Back (WA6LGS) and seconded by Ed Darrah (K7ERD). Motion carried.
- Treasurer Report: Given by Mike Smith (KG6VFL) The \$300.00 Liability insurance due to be paid. Dues collected were \$75.00. Checking account balance \$4,165.26 and the CD is \$5,033.60. The PG&E bill for Mt. Bullion was \$71.10 and Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) was paid \$21.00 for meeting refreshments.
- Membership Chairman Report: John Sims (N6JCS) reported 59 paid members. Down from last year which was in the 70's.
- Repeater Report:
 - Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) advised Buck Rock is off air/degraded. It's limited in an AT&T building. He is not sure of the sites

future.

- A gentlemen by the name of Nathan Campbell emailed Spencer regarding Turtle Back Dome. He said it had good coverage and offered to donate money to our club.
- The Yosemite repeater will get more traffic now.
- Merced Ares Report: Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported meeting next week at 6 p.m. will be lead by Brian Carr (AJ6NM)
- TARC Nets: Seem to be working well, seeing more traffic.

Old Business

- Auctions: There was a discussion on Auctions and how they could be managed. Brian Carr (AJ6NM) advised we still don't have enough items to do an auction. He has volunteered to contact local radio clubs to see if they have items that could be sold. It was suggested that increasing membership and getting past due dues paid would at least keep bills paid until an auction can be done in the future.
- Field Day: No one has volunteered to head a club Field Day. A few members to camp on their own and would welcome anyone to join.

New Business

- Per Larry Rose (K6IY), Reno Bianchi (KG6BAA) had his heart valve surgery completed and all went well.

- Lynne Smith (KM6DKF) talked to President, Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) and she is slowly recovering from surgery. Her most difficulty is sleeping and moving around with a neck brace. All wished Bambi a speedy recovery.
- We had two people taking ham radio tests. Both passed. Carl Camp got his Tech license and Jennifer Katsch (KN6YZH) got her General and Extra license.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Greg Back (WA6LGS) and seconded by Ed Darrah (K7ERD). Motion carried.

Ken Stillwell (KF6IDK) gave a program on Battery Boxes and LiFeP04 Batteries, solar generators.